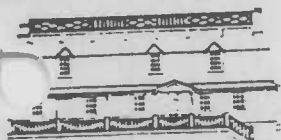


MARYLAND  
HISTORICAL



TRUST

William Donald Schaefer  
Governor

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Secretary, DHCD

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT  
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Cedar Heights School, 24224 Survey Number: M-10-41  
Ridge Road, Montgomery Co

Project: MD 27 from MD 355 to MD 810 Agency: SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility not recommended ☒

Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

Constructed as a one-room school house, the building was converted to a residence in 1924. The Cedar Heights School no longer retains integrity of historic character due to non-historic alterations, as indicated by photographs and descriptions submitted with the project and contained in the inventory files.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Inventory Form # M-10-41

and project files

Prepared by: Maragret Coleman, Cindy Reed Rita Suffness, SHA

Elizabeth Hannold 8/30/91

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Date

NR program concurrence: ☒ yes ☐ no ☐ not applicable

R. Lindeman 30 Aug 91  
Reviewer, NR program Date

Survey No. M-10-41

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Shore       | (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Western Shore       | (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Piedmont | (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Western Maryland    | (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)   |

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- |  |                    |
|--|--------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paleo-Indian  | 10000-7500 B.C.    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early Archaic   | 7500-6000 B.C.     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Middle Archaic  | 6000-4000 B.C.     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Late Archaic  | 4000-2000 B.C.     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early Woodland  | 2000-500 B.C.      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Middle Woodland   | 500 B.C.- A.D. 900 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Late Woodland/Archaic   | A.D. 900-1600      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contact and Settlement  | A.D. 1570-1750     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rural Agrarian Intensification  | A.D. 1680-1815     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural-Industrial Transition  | A.D. 1815-1870     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industrial/Urban Dominance   | A.D. 1870-1930     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Modern Period   | A.D. 1930-Present  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown Period ( <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> historic ) |                    |

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- |   |
|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Subsistence            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Settlement             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Political              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Demographic            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Religion               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Technology             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Adaption |

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- |  |
|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic (Commercial and Industrial)                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government/Law  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Military  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Religion  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Educational/Cultural                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation  |

V. Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): School

Known Design Source: \_\_\_\_\_

## ACHS SUMMARY FORM

M.10-41  
(date entered 5-4-80)

1. Name: Cedar Heights School House

2. Planning Area/Site Number: 10/41

3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 7  
L-1

4. Address: 24224 Ridge Road, Cedar Grove

## 5. Classification Summary

Category building  
Ownership private  
Public Acquisition N/A  
Status occupied  
Accessible no  
Present use private residence

Previous Survey Recording M-NCPPC  
Title and Date: 1976 Inventory of  
Historical Sites  
Federal      State x County x Local     

6. Date: 1898

7. Original Owner: Montgomery Board of  
Education

## 8. Apparent Condition

a. good b. altered c. original site

9. Description: This three bay by three bay, one-and-a-half story rectangular frame school house faces southeast on Ridge Road. It has white novelty siding and a southeast porch with a half-hipped roof supported by four turned posts. The school house was renovated about 20 years ago and now is a private residence. There are six-over-six double-hung windows. There is a shed dormer window in the gable roof on the southwest elevation. The owner refused to allow inspection of his house.

10. Significance: Cedar Heights School house is significant as one of the numerous one-room school buildings opened in the late 19th century and later absorbed into a consolidated school system.

In August 1898, The Board of Education bought  $\frac{1}{4}$  acre of land from Joseph F. and Sophronia Williams from the Williams tract, "Prospect Hill". The transaction cost \$20. The land was part of the 159.5 acres deeded Williams by Somerset T. Williams.

These families sent students to school at Cedar Heights in the early 20th century -- Barber, Beall, Davis, Gue, King, and Poole. The teachers boarded at the Snyder Hotel, directly across the road. Water was fetched in a bucket from a spring northwest of the school, at the foot of a hill. The bucket was placed on the floor of the school, and thirsty students shared the single dipper.

The Board of Education sold the school property to Harriet A. Snyder for \$1 in August 1924, and the schoolhouse has been used as a residence since that time. The present owners were deeded the property in 1973, now surveyed for .34 acres. It is used as a rental property.

11. Researcher and date researched: Margaret Coleman-5/79 Candy Reed  
Arch. Description

12. Compiler: Margaret Coleman

13. Date Compiled: 10/79

14. Designation  
Approval     

15. Acreage: .34 acres

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

M: 10/41

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Cedar Heights School House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER 24224 Ridge Road

CITY, TOWN

Cedar Grove

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

J. and S.L. Smith

Telephone #: 253-3167

STREET &amp; NUMBER

24300 Kakae Drive

CITY, TOWN

Damascus

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20750

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 4413

Folio #: 525

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

M-NCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE

1976

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20855

## 7 DESCRIPTION

P. C-2

### CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This three bay by three bay, one and a half story rectangular frame school house faces southeast on Ridge Road.

Built on poured concrete foundations, the school house has white novelty siding. The southeast (front) porch has a half-hipped roof supported by four turned posts. The southeast (front) door is wooden paneled. The northwest (rear) porch has a shed roof and is enclosed by a wooden railing.

There are six over six double hung windows throughout the house. In the southeast gable end there are two six light casement windows. On the southwest elevation there is a shed dormer with four over four double hung windows.

The gable roof is covered by green asbestos shingles and there is one interior stove chimney.

The school house was completely renovated sometime ago and is now a private dwelling.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
				Local History		
				Invention		

SPECIFIC DATES      1898      BUILDER/ARCHITECT      Montgomery County Board of Education

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Local resident Mrs. Harold Burdette went to school at Cedar Heights, and remembers classmates from the families Poole, Gue, King, Barber, Leall and Davis (her maiden name). Teachers were Carrie Fulks, Lillia Hendrickson, Violet Murphy and Irene Sibley.<sup>2</sup> Other teachers included James P. Buxton and Harrison D. Darby.<sup>3</sup> Teachers often boarded at the Snyder Hotel, directly across the road. A Mr. Gue and a Mr. Kemp initiated a strawberry festival each spring to raise money for school use. Water was fetched in a bucket from a spring northwest of the school, at the foot of a hill. The bucket was placed on the floor of the school, and thirsty students shared the single dipper.

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## FOOTNOTES:

- 1 Land Records of Montgomery County, Md. TD 4/437.
- 2 Mrs. Harold Burdette, Gaithersburg, Md. Interview, 1979.
- 3 E. Guy Jewell; Schools that Were; Montgomery County Public Schools, Rockville, Md., 1973; p. 56
- 4 Land Records. 358/132.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Land Records of Montgomery County, Md.

Burdette, Mrs. Harold; 9911 Watkins Road, Gaithersburg, Md. Interview, 1979

Jewell, E. Guy. Schools that Were; Montgomery County Public Schools; Rockville, Md., 1973.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .34 acre

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

Ridge Road, south of Damascus, approx.  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile north of the Kings Valley Road intersection, west side of the road.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Margaret M. ColemanCandy Reed-arch. description

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Sugarloaf Regional TrailsMay 1979

STREET &amp; NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Box 87926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

DickersonMaryland 20753

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RETURN TO: ~~Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438~~

~~Sugarloaf Regional Trails  
Box 87, Dickerson  
Dickerson, MD 21043  
(301) 926-4510~~

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME					
COMMON: <b>Cedar Heights School</b>					
AND OR HISTORIC: <b>School House</b>					
2. LOCATION					
STREET AND NUMBER: <b>Ridge Road (Rte. 27)</b>					
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Cedar Grove</b>					
STATE: <b>Maryland</b>			COUNTY: <b>Montgomery</b>		
3. CLASSIFICATION					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC: Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No	
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____	
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY					
OWNER'S NAME:					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:					
<b>Montgomery County Courthouse</b>					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Rockville</b>			STATE: <b>Maryland</b>		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):					
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS					
TITLE OF SURVEY:					
<b>None</b>					
DATE OF SURVEY:					
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		



7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unimposed
	<div>(Check One)    (Check One)</div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The building is a one story, frame structure with a porch across the three bay main (east) facade. The central doorway is flanked by windows. The sidewalls have three large windows.</p> <p>The building has been converted into a residence.</p>	

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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## B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD: (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian☐ 16th Century☐ 18th Century☐ 20th Century☐ 15th Century☐ 17th Century☐ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S): (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal

☐ Prehistoric☐ Historic☐ Agriculture☐ Architecture☐ Art☐ Commerce☐ Communications☐ Conservation☐ Education☐ Engineering☐ Industry☐ Invention☐ Landscape☐ Architecture☐ Literature☐ Military☐ Music☐ Political☐ Religion/Phi-

losophy

☐ Science☐ Sculpture☐ Social/Human-

itarian

☐ Theater☐ Transportation☐ Urban Planning☐ Other (Specify)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds	LONGITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds		LATITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds	LONGITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Christopher Owens, Park Historian	
ORGANIZATION M-NCPPC	DATE 18 Mar 74
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue	
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring	STATE Maryland

12.

State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

• National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

SEE INSTRUCTIONS



NAME # 10-41 CEDAR HEIGHTS SCHOOL M: 10-41

LOCATION RTE. 27, CEDAR GROVE, MD.

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